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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P469362**

Dear Lauren Messman:

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) this letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by our office on January 14, 2019. After an extension notice emailed on January 22, 2019, CPD is now responding to your request seeking:

I'm requesting all of the Chicago Police Department documents authored by gang crimes and ritual abuse specialist Detective Robert Simandl pertaining to satanism and ritualistic criminal activity, including a document titled "Identification, Investigation and Understanding of Ritualistic Criminal Activity." Proof of this document is included in my request and dated February 4, 1989. Additionally, I'm looking for any other documents authored by Simandl that were used to educate schools or other police departments on identifying possible ritualistic activity or that reference "Mike Warnke."

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in conjunction with the Department's Bureau of Detectives and the Education and Training Division. Searches based on the provided information yielded negative results for documents, including the 1989 report referenced in your request. Please note that the information requested is not classified as permanent records on CPD's Forms Retention Schedule (CPD-11.717). Further, records from 1989 not identified as "Permanent Retention" have been disposed of according to the Local Records Commission of the Office of the Secretary of State. As such, please be advised that the Chicago Police Department has no responsive records for your request.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). A Request for Review must be filed within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter, and include a copy of the original FOIA request and the denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Please contact me at 312-745-5308 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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